

halves of a superb kicking game, Tom Skladany and Tom Klaban. Michigan has missed undisputed Big Ten titles and all the accessored that go with them by the few inches that kept last-minute field goal attempt from beating Ohio State the past two seasons. The defense that made the near misses possible isn't likely to be any easier to deal with this fall.

MICHIGAN STATE, A LATE SEASON UPSET winner over Ohio State, coud pul a repeat and be either a disaster area or No. 1 by midseason. The Spartage open against Ohio State, then play Miami of Ohio, North Carolina State

Finding the leading independent in the Midwest is never very taxing. But Dan Devine, who has succeeded Ara Parseghian at Notre Dame, may have trouble finding an offense to replace the one Parseghian used in 1974.

The Mid-American Conference may at last have played its way out of its reputation as a "nice little league that is better than a lot of people think it is.'

Miami of Ohio stretched its unbeaten steak to 23 games, beat Georgia in the Tangerine Bowl and ranked 10th in the country last year. The Redskins who generally knock off one Big Ten team a year, can double their pleasure in '75 as they take on Michigan State and Purdue in early games.

ALABAMA HAS WON FOUR SOUTHEASTERN championships in a row, a record it expects to extend. But there is one streak Bryant would rather shatter His teams have been to eight straight bowl games without winning one.

Included among the players Bryant refers to as the most physically gifted he's seen are quarterback Richard Todd, too many running backs to count and a defense that could have all-Americas fighting each other for position. If preseason estimates are accurate, scoreboards will have to be re-wired

for heavy duty all around the SEC.

Florida, which won eight games a year ago, has its backfield intact. Georgia will score big points. So will Tennessee, even though Condredge Holloway won't be back to pass, run and skitter opponents to death.

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For the third season in the last five, the wire services selected two teams to share the unofficial national championship in 1974. Oklahoma was voted the champion in the Associated Press (writers) poll, although on NCAA probation. Southern Cal, after edging Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, was voted the champion in the United Press International (coaches) poll. The coaches had voted not to consider teams on probation. consider teams on probation.

It was Southern Cal's sixth national championship since 1924. Only Notre Southern Cal coach John McKay now has won or shared four national crowns in 1962, 67, 72 and 74. This ties him for the lead with Alabama's Bear ryant, Notre Dame's Frank Leahy and Minnesota's Bernie Bierman. Dame has more, with nine.

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